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Per Capita Income for 1993 Grew Faster in Maine Than in U.S.

Maine's per capita personal income rose 4.0 percent in 1993 to $18,895 for every man, woman, and child in the state. This rate of increase ranked 22nd among the 50 states, and was above the national growth rate of 3.5 percent. Maine's 1993 per capita income was the 32nd-highest of all the states, rising from 33rd-highest in 1992, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Maine's per capita personal income remained the lowest in New England, as it has been since 1959. Per capita income in Maine stood at 91 percent of the national average in 1993, while per capita income in other New England states ranged from 94 percent of the national average in Vermont to 135 percent in Connecticut.

Per capita personal income is estimated by dividing an area's total personal income by total population. Although total personal income in Maine increased at a slower rate than national income, Maine's population grew very slowly. As a result, per capita personal income in Maine increased at a faster rate than national per capita income.

Total personal income in Maine was 23.4 billion dollars in 1993, increasing by 4.3 percent over 1992. Nationally, personal income increased by 4.7 percent. Total income growth rates in other New England states ranged from 3.5 percent in Connecticut to 4.4 percent in Vermont.

Maine's total population in 1993 was 1,239,000, up only 0.3 percent from 1992 compared to the national growth rate of 1.1 percent. Among the other states in the region, Connecticut's population recorded the only decline, falling by 0.1 percent. The largest percentage growth was 0.9 percent in New Hampshire.

The largest share of per capita personal income comes from the earnings of workers. Other components include interest, dividends, rent, and business and government transfer payments. In Maine, earnings in private service-type jobs (wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; and services) grew fastest among all major sectors, rising by 6.4 percent from the 1992 level. The next-fastest per capita earnings growth was in construction, which rose by 5.4 percent.

In the twelve states with the fastest growth in per capita income in 1993, increases ranged from 6.7 percent in Montana to 4.5 percent in Oregon. Five of the eight states with the slowest growth in per capita personal income in 1993 were states affected by the Midwest floods—Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

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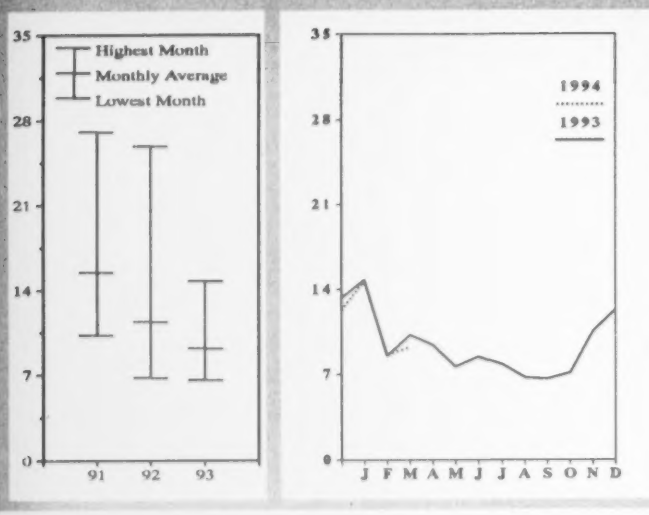
(See related graph on page 2)

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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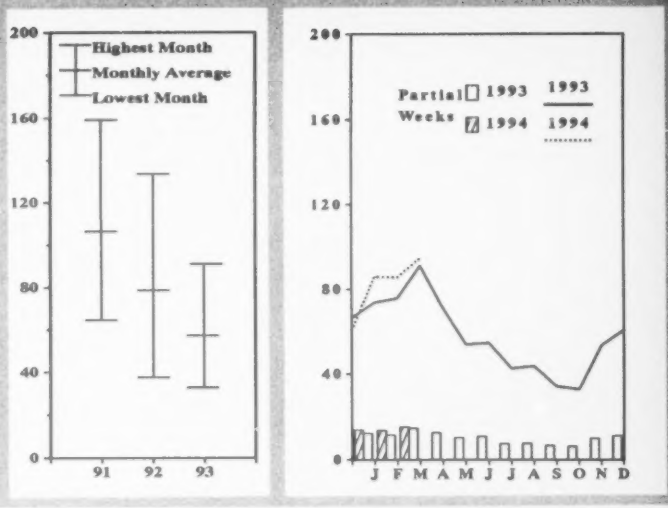
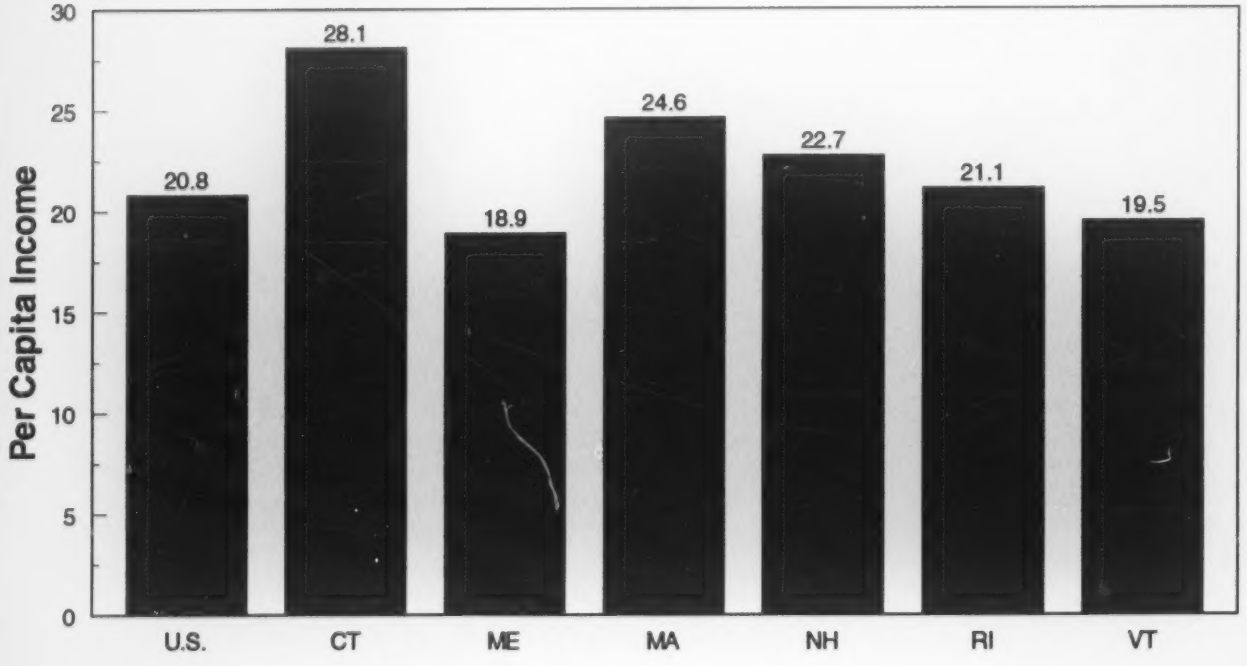


1993 Per Capita Income
U.S. and New England States

(thousands of dollars)



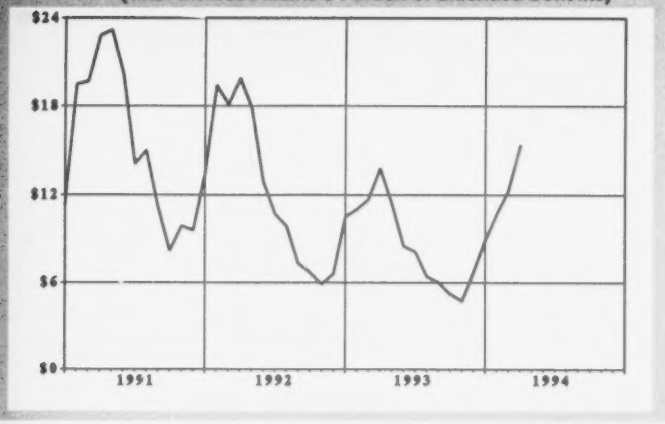
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

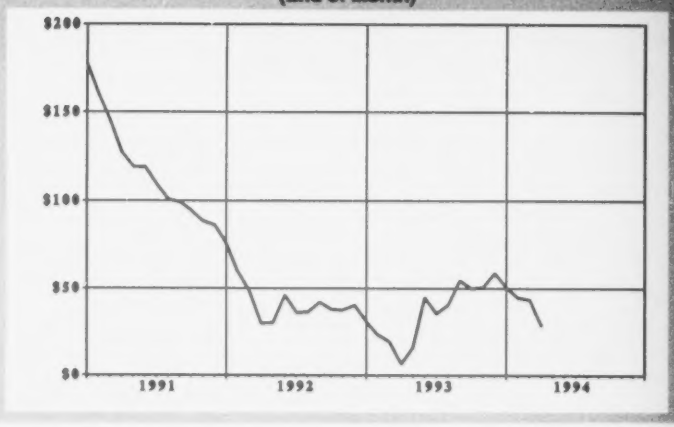
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing												
Durable Goods	$485.03	$480.22	$465.96	41.0	40.8	40.1	$11.83	$11.77	$11.62	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Lumber and Wood Products	483.44	475.91	458.00	40.9	40.4	40.0	11.82	11.78	11.45	10.61	11.14	11.43
Primary and Fabricated Metals	394.25	388.10	382.42	41.5	41.2	40.9	9.50	9.42	9.35	8.97	9.25	9.33
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	465.97	460.20	475.61	41.2	41.2	44.7	11.31	11.17	10.64	10.18	10.45	11.00
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	592.68	599.82	541.60	44.0	44.3	40.6	13.47	13.54	13.34	12.43	12.82	13.32
Transportation Equipment	424.44	420.00	400.72	39.3	39.4	38.2	10.80	10.66	10.49	9.91	10.02	10.33
Other Durable Goods	611.04	596.37	569.74	40.2	38.6	38.6	15.20	15.45	14.76	12.55	14.09	14.64
Nondurable Goods	357.69	357.62	349.74	40.1	40.5	40.2	8.92	8.83	8.70	8.57	8.86	8.89
Food and Kindred Products	486.21	482.93	473.93	41.1	41.1	40.3	11.83	11.75	11.76	11.48	11.57	11.79
Textile Mill Products	335.52	330.87	334.51	36.0	36.2	35.7	9.32	9.14	9.37	8.76	9.15	9.34
Apparel and Other Textile Products	431.44	425.45	376.83	45.8	45.6	39.5	9.42	9.33	9.54	8.82	9.03	9.49
Paper and Allied Products	265.20	273.00	284.53	34.0	35.0	36.2	7.80	7.80	7.86	7.28	7.65	7.95
Leather and Leather Products	739.70	733.04	723.97	44.4	44.4	44.8	16.66	16.51	16.16	16.06	16.25	16.63
Other Nondurable Goods	321.98	321.92	305.25	38.7	38.6	38.3	8.32	8.34	7.97	7.82	7.92	8.00
PORTLAND MSA	421.34	416.31	394.11	39.9	39.8	38.3	10.56	10.46	10.29	9.85	10.07	10.28
Manufacturing												
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA	421.58	412.51	417.58	39.4	39.1	38.1	10.70	10.55	10.96	10.45	10.55	10.68
Manufacturing	399.15	400.55	380.64	40.4	40.5	39.0	9.88	9.89	9.76	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	293.5	299.3	292.7
Unemployment	17.2	23.4	22.4
(Percent)	5.9%	7.8%	7.7%
Resident Employed	276.2	275.9	270.2

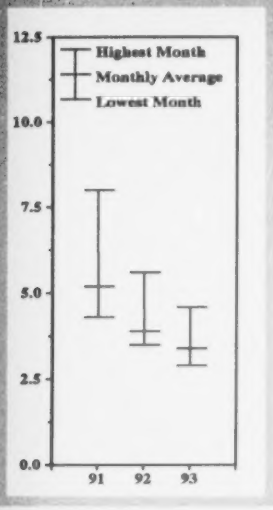
U.S. Consumer Price Index

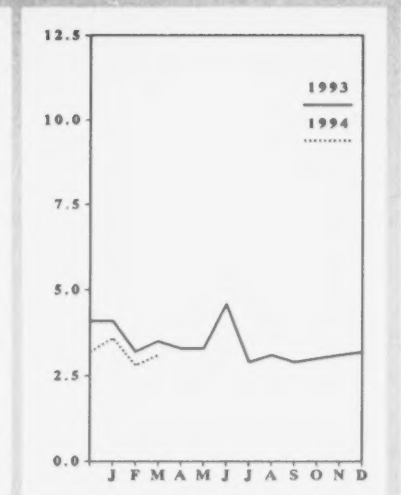
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	147.2	146.7	143.6	145.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

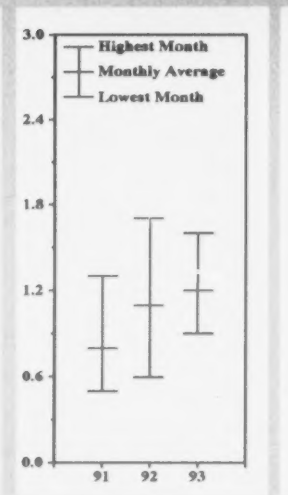
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

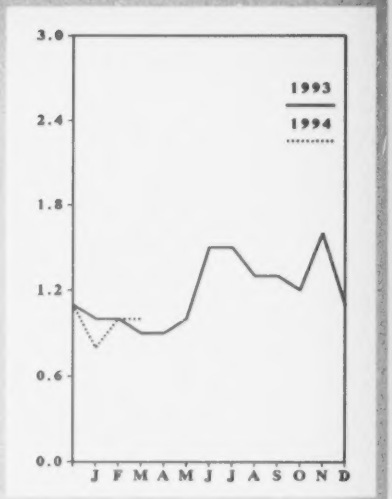
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	508.4	509.2	497.9	124.5	124.3	120.6	39.2	39.1	38.0
Goods Producing	109.5	110.0	106.2	18.7	18.4	18.6	9.6	9.4	9.4
Construction and Mining	18.3	18.4	17.1	5.2	5.0	5.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
Building Construction	4.3	4.4	4.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	10.7	10.8	9.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.2	91.6	89.1	13.5	13.4	13.4	8.2	8.1	8.1
Durable Goods	41.0	41.3	39.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	10.9	11.0	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.2	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.8	6.7	6.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.6	12.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.3	49.2	7.5	7.4	7.6	6.0	5.9	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.1	6.4	6.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.9	5.7	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.8	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.0	9.8	9.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.0	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.7	2.6	2.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
Service Producing	398.9	399.2	391.7	105.8	105.9	102.0	29.6	29.7	28.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.0	21.4	5.8	5.7	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.2
Wholesale Trade	22.9	23.0	22.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Retail Trade	99.1	99.8	96.4	27.3	27.6	26.2	8.1	8.3	7.6
General Merchandise Stores	10.9	11.0	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.4	17.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.1	28.4	28.1	8.0	7.8	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.8	25.6	25.0	12.2	12.2	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	133.1	133.0	126.7	34.1	34.1	32.9	11.4	11.4	11.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.8	6.6	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.9	13.7	12.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.3	49.3	48.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.1	16.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	27.7	27.5	28.1	5.2	5.0	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.2	54.2	54.9	10.5	10.6	10.1	3.8	3.8	3.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	620.6	620.7	630.6	567.1	563.2	572.3	53.5	57.4	58.3	8.6	9.3	9.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,700	49,300	49,100	46,500	45,800	45,600	3,300	3,500	3,400	6.5	7.1	7.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,700	50,400	50,500	46,400	45,800	45,500	4,400	4,600	5,000	8.6	9.1	9.9
Portland MSA	121,100	121,500	120,800	113,900	113,800	113,100	7,200	7,700	7,800	5.9	6.3	6.4
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,160	42,980	44,710	39,800	39,240	40,890	3,360	3,730	3,820	7.8	8.7	8.5
Bath-Brunswick	33,900	33,840	35,310	31,560	31,430	32,660	2,330	2,400	2,650	6.9	7.1	7.5
Belfast	11,420	11,500	11,490	10,010	10,020	9,900	1,420	1,490	1,590	12.4	12.9	13.8
Biddeford	31,760	31,630	33,270	28,880	28,510	29,960	2,880	3,130	3,310	9.1	9.9	10.0
Boothbay Harbor	7,160	7,180	7,460	6,580	6,550	6,780	580	630	680	8.1	8.7	9.1
Bucksport	4,970	4,970	5,070	4,470	4,430	4,550	490	540	520	9.9	10.9	10.2
Calais	5,180	5,210	5,490	4,420	4,370	4,670	770	840	820	14.8	16.1	14.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,760	12,580	12,830	11,170	10,990	11,290	1,590	1,590	1,530	12.5	12.6	11.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,050	7,000	7,340	6,380	6,300	6,540	670	700	800	9.5	10.0	11.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	15,870	16,090	16,060	13,560	13,510	13,800	2,310	2,580	2,250	14.6	16.0	14.0
Farmington	18,570	18,520	18,860	17,140	16,870	17,200	1,430	1,650	1,660	7.7	8.9	8.8
Fort Kent	3,640	3,830	4,010	3,140	3,340	3,370	500	490	630	13.6	12.8	15.8
Greenville	1,040	1,090	960	890	940	790	150	150	170	14.6	14.1	17.7
Houlton	6,310	6,340	6,480	5,700	5,660	5,880	610	670	600	9.7	10.6	9.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,500	3,540	3,560	2,950	2,900	2,970	550	640	590	15.7	18.1	16.5
Kittery-York	19,370	19,070	19,240	18,490	18,100	18,170	880	970	1,070	4.5	5.1	5.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,710	5,720	5,770	5,100	5,100	5,250	610	620	520	10.7	10.9	9.0
Machias-Eastport	6,570	6,560	6,730	5,580	5,600	5,670	990	960	1,050	15.1	14.7	15.7
Madawaska	3,990	3,990	4,190	3,590	3,550	3,750	400	440	450	10.1	11.0	10.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,630	5,860	5,010	5,000	5,310	640	630	550	11.3	11.2	9.4
Norway-Paris	9,970	10,290	10,410	8,640	9,080	9,050	1,330	1,210	1,360	13.3	11.8	13.1
Outer Bangor	7,110	7,160	7,160	6,280	6,260	6,300	830	900	860	11.7	12.6	12.0
Patten-Island Falls	1,980	1,990	1,940	1,770	1,750	1,720	210	240	220	10.6	12.0	11.4
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,100	21,170	22,320	18,260	18,250	19,430	2,850	2,920	2,890	13.5	13.8	13.0
Rockland	20,110	20,260	20,360	18,500	18,330	18,640	1,620	1,930	1,720	8.0	9.5	8.4
Rumford	11,380	11,400	11,180	10,360	10,240	10,120	1,020	1,160	1,060	9.0	10.2	9.5
Sanford	21,920	21,680	21,820	19,990	19,560	19,530	1,930	2,120	2,290	8.8	9.8	10.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	12,290	12,350	10,900	11,130	11,260	1,020	1,160	1,080	8.5	9.4	8.8
Skowhegan	15,440	15,470	16,160	13,720	13,570	14,240	1,720	1,900	1,920	11.2	12.3	11.9
Stonington	4,700	4,750	4,850	4,240	4,260	4,310	460	490	540	9.7	10.3	11.0
Van Buren	1,510	1,500	1,510	1,290	1,270	1,290	220	230	220	14.4	15.6	14.7
Waterville	24,460	24,320	25,440	22,070	21,770	22,830	2,400	2,560	2,610	9.8	10.5	10.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,778.9	n/a	n/a	1,667.6	n/a	n/a	111.3	n/a	n/a	6.3
Massachusetts	3,141.6	3,123.0	3,188.0	2,932.6	2,899.0	2,946.0	209.0	223.0	243.0	6.7	7.1	7.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	616.2	n/a	n/a	568.1	n/a	n/a	48.1	n/a	n/a	7.8
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	506.4	n/a	n/a	462.5	n/a	n/a	43.9	n/a	n/a	8.7
Vermont	n/a	n/a	311.0	n/a	n/a	291.4	n/a	n/a	19.6	n/a	n/a	6.3
UNITED STATES (000)	129,718	129,764	126,682	120,844	120,503	117,406	8,874	9,262	9,276	6.8	7.1	7.3

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	19,422	20,015	17,281	2,754	2,808	2,464	1,607	1,626	1,430

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993										1994		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Civilian Labor Force 1/	635.2	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1
Resident Employment	587.4	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3
Unemployment	47.8	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9
Percent of Labor Force	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.8	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0
Construction	21.4	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.3	40.6	41.5	41.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.8	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	21.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.2	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3
Retail Trade	105.2	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1
Services	132.0	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0
Government	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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